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# JOHN MILTON

& Seventeenth-  
Century Culture

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John Milton (1608-1674) was not only among the most influential of British poets. He was the most directly involved of any British poet in the centres of political power and in the great historical events of the English Revolution. He was also arguably the most learned of the great British poets, even in a learned and bookish century.

This exhibit includes twenty-three 17th-century Milton editions, most notably the first editions of Milton's first prose work (1641), of his great defense of a free press *Areopagitica* (1644), of his first collection of poetry (1645), and of several political works of the 1650s. For his epic *Paradise Lost*, the exhibit includes all four editions published in Milton's life-time, and for *Paradise Regain'd* both the first and second editions. Complementing the books on display are engravings of English and Italian cities where Milton lived, studied and visited, from the John Osman Collection of Braun & Hogenberg City Views, donated by Mrs. Mary Osman in 1989.

The exhibit was first mounted for the fifty-seventh annual meeting of the Southeastern Renaissance Conference, held at the University in April 2000.

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